

THE TRUSTEES MEET.

COLLEGE MATTERS DISCUSSED IN THEIR SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

OVER TWO HUNDRED MATRICULATES.

Increased Attendance Expected at Second Half Session—A Number of Gifts Reported—Popular Changes in Commencement Exercises.

The semi-annual meeting of the Richmond College trustees was held in the Second Baptist church yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The president, Dr. J. L. M. Curry, came from Washington Monday, and yesterday morning visited the college, inspecting the laboratory and calling on the officers of the institution. He presided over the meeting with his usual dignity and ease. Other prominent gentlemen were present, including H. A. Tupper, D. D., now of Baltimore, Md., who was warmly greeted by his friends.

AN INTERESTING SESSION.

The meeting was one of more than ordinary interest, but there were not many questions that touch the public, most of them pertaining to the internal life and management of the growing school. The president reported 200 matriculates to date, nearly thirty of whom are from other States. There has been an increase of academic students, but not quite so many in the law class as last year. The body of students are an unusually advanced and quiet class. The president thanked the board for improvements about the premises, especially in boarding and gymnasium facilities. He reported a growing interest in laboratory work, and a greatly quickened interest in the study of history.

GIFTS TO THE COLLEGE.

One of the most interesting reports, always, is that of the financial secretary, which is expected to tell of gifts of money to the college. The good news of several recent gifts, among them a bequest of Mr. J. N. Hancock, of Connecticut, who desires liberal things for the college. Mr. Hancock, a New Englander, is a native of a strong southern by preference, and was sincerely attached to Richmond College and the Louisville Seminary, both of which are liberally represented in his will. It was agreed to make some changes in the exercises of commencement week in June next. The class spirit is to be cultivated and orators elected from Bachelors, Law, Bachelor of Arts, and Masters of Arts will hold forth. The literary societies will have one night instead of two. President Boatwright was urged by the trustees to take a two weeks' holiday for the improvement of his health, and after February 1st to devote some time to field work for the college.

THE SEASON OF ELECTIONS.

New Officers Chosen by a Number of Fraternal Orders.

Lee Lodge, No. 47, K. of H., has elected the following officers for the next twelve months: Dictator, J. M. Fassett; Dictator, Edward Allen; Vice-Dictator, W. H. Chiles; Assistant-Dictator, J. W. Ayres; Reporter, J. Hunter Potts; Financial Reporter, E. D. Redd; Treasurer, James Johnston; Chaplain, George C. White; Guide, C. W. Griffin; Guardian, John R. Tye; Sentinel, J. M. Fassett; and J. R. Warriner.

At the meeting of Pioneer Chapter, No. 1, Progressive Endowment Guild of America, held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Past Governor, R. S. Galeski; Governor, J. L. Talley; Vice-Governor, E. R. Palmer; Secretary, E. L. Spencer; Treasurer, J. O. Fortmann; Chaplain, W. A. McGee; Warden, W. D. Duke; Guard, E. C. Lambert; Trustees—E. J. Baker, G. B. Snyder, Jr., and B. A. Jacob; Medical Examiner, R. E. Franklin.

The following named gentlemen were selected Monday night as the officers of Granite Council, No. 29, Legion Red-Cross, for the year 1897: Commander, T. E. Davis; Vice-Commander, R. E. Hendricks; President, J. C. Malloy; Marshal, J. G. Jennings; Knight, R. L. Wilkinson; Secretary, E. C. Taylor; Recorder, C. A. Allen; Financial Secretary, C. A. Crawford; Treasurer, R. M. Anderson; Trustees—Joseph H. Shepherd, J. S. Gibbs, J. G. Jennings, Representative to Supreme Council—Charles A. Crawford, Joseph H. Shepherd.

Richmond Conclave, No. 32, Improved Order Heptastrophes, held a large and enthusiastic meeting last night and elected the following officers: George L. Currier, past archon; Joseph H. Shepherd, archon; E. Falk, proconvener; Henry Pleggenbarger, H. M. W. Curtis, Newport News; E. T. H. Francis, Newport News; George E. Plessants, warden; Leon Weinberg, sentinel; Fred Plessants, J. M. Fassett, and Thomas B. Hines, representative to the Supreme Conclave; Howard M. Walldahl, alternate.

Mr. John W. Cruett, Supreme Organist of the order, presided at the meeting, and made a splendid address, after which the convocation adjourned to Hulcher's, where a sumptuous banquet was served.

SHOOTS HER IN THE TEMPLE.

Mary Meekins Wounded by a Man with Whom She Quarrelled.

Tom Smith, a recalcitrant lover, is wanted by the police of this city for having shot and desperately wounded Mary Meekins, a negro woman, with whom he had been residing for some time. The shooting occurred in Fulton last night, in the house No. 10 Grant Row, which was occupied by the Meekins woman. Smith and the woman quarrelled, and he left the house. He returned shortly afterwards, but found the door locked. Disguising his voice, he asked for admittance and the door was opened. Without more ado, or giving any warning, Smith drew a revolver from his pocket and opened fire upon Mary. Three shots were fired, and two took effect—one passing through the right ear and the other striking a bad wound in the left temple. Smith fled as soon as the woman fell before him, and at a late hour had been apprehended. His victim was removed to the almshouse, where she was treated by Dr. Labenber, and the police started on a hunt for Smith.

THE CASE NOT MADE OUT.

Women Severely Lectured for Making False Statements.

The case around which most interest centered yesterday morning in Justice John's Court was that of Buck Spotswood charged with selling liquor on Sunday, and, luckily for Buck, the case was dismissed.

Officers Mel. Folkes and Louis Werner were on special duty Sunday, with orders to look out for Sunday bars. Near Buck's place Officer Folkes was approached by a negro woman, named Ellen Strauss, who asked him if he wanted to find a bar open. Mr. Folkes said that was his business, and he was invited to come into the woman's house. This he did, and he saw her leave the house with a bottle, cross the street, enter

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